

2006 Grants

Europe and Eurasia: 14 projects

Name of Organization: Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems (ISDLS)

Location: San Francisco, CA

Subject: Developing Turkish police oversight & criminal trial alternatives

This grant is supporting reforms to the Turkish legal system and police oversight procedures in Turkey. The program consists of ten Turkish prosecutors, judicial officers, and members of the Ministry of Interior participating in a two-week study tour in the U.S. to observe Californian courts and police departments and interact with American experts, followed by two U.S. participants traveling to Turkey to take part in a workshop, where the Turkish participants will make presentations on Turkish trial alternatives and police oversight. Three U.S. participants are also traveling to Turkey for a joint presentation with their Turkish counterparts of proposed models developed during the program to members of the Turkish legal and NGO community.

Country(ies): Turkey

Region: Europe

U.S. State: CA

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: CDS International, Inc.

Location: New York, NY

Subject: Integrating marginalized populations in Germany

This grant examines and compares means of integrating immigrant and minority populations in Germany and the U.S., with the objective of establishing positive relations between U.S. and German (primarily Turkish) minorities. Program activities include a one-week study tour and a four-week internship for fifteen American experts in Germany and a reciprocal study tour and internships for fifteen German minority community representatives in New York. A final seminar takes place in Hamburg, Germany for all program participants at the end of the project.

Country(ies): Germany

Region: Europe

U.S. State: NY

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development

Location: Amherst, Massachusetts

Subject: Integrating marginalized populations in the Netherlands

This grant examines and compares ways of integrating immigrant and minority populations in the Netherlands and the U.S., with the objective of establishing positive relations between the U.S. and Dutch minority populations. Program activities include a three-week study tour program for 15 Dutch minority community representatives in Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. and a reciprocal study tour for eight American experts in the Netherlands. Presentations, workshops, and community action plans are being implemented by all program participants in the Netherlands as part of the project.

Country(ies): Netherlands

Region: Europe

U.S. State: MA

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development

Location: Amherst, Massachusetts

Subject: Integrating marginalized populations in Spain

This grant examines and compares ways of integrating immigrant and minority populations in Spain and the U.S., with the objective of establishing positive relations between the U.S. and Spanish minority populations. Program activities include a three-week study tour program for 15 Spanish minority community representatives in Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. and a reciprocal study tour for eight American experts in Spain. Program participants in Spain are implementing presentations, workshops, and community action plans.

Country(ies): Spain

Region: Europe

U.S. State: MA

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Integrating marginalized populations in France

This grant examines and compares ways of integrating immigrant and minority populations in France and the U.S. with the objective of establishing positive relations between U.S. and French minorities. The project includes four city partnerships that will compare French and U.S. approaches to the integration of marginalized populations. The partnerships are Charlotte, NC and Limoges; Louisville, KY and Montpellier; St. Louis, MO and Lyon; and Los Angeles, CA and Bordeaux. Program activities include a three-week study tour by twenty French minority community representatives in the U.S. and a training practicum in Paris for French officials, NGO representatives, and educators. Program participants in France, as part of the project are implementing presentations, workshops, and community action plans.

Country(ies): France

Region: Europe

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: University of Vermont

Location: Burlington, Vermont

Subject: Supporting a three-year sustainable development exchange with Russia

The University of Vermont's (UVM) Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources is conducting a three-year sustainable development exchange program focusing on the fields of ecology, natural resource use, resource-dependent community sustainability and agriculture. Project activities include a series of three-week exchange programs that will bring 15 faculty from Petrozavodsk State University to the U.S. for consultations with faculty and local and state government officials and field trips to sustainability sites in Vermont. Faculty from the University of Vermont also travel to Karelia to conduct a series of follow-on activities with their Russian counterparts.

Country(ies): Russia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: VT

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Northern Forum

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Subject: Supporting exchanges in sustainable development

This project supports activities that will enable Northern citizens to share knowledge and expertise, address common issues and support sustainable development initiatives among the Northern Forum's target countries including the United States (Alaska), Canada, China, Finland, Iceland, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, the Republic of Korea and Sweden. The project includes: a Youth EcoForum Exchange and a Youth Health Ambassadors Exchange in Russia; a training program for project coordinators focusing on program and grant management skills; an exchange for managers and leaders of zoos to discuss operations and management of northern zoos; a workshop for indigenous residents focusing on observing and documenting changes in the environment; a business exchange that will build upon previous work and promote expanded business relationships in the North; and a Governance Workshop on municipal services in Russia and the impact of decentralization.

Country(ies): Russia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: AK

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Institute for Representative Government

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Providing parliamentary study missions and democratic development in countries in multiple regions

The Institute for Representative Government is arranging and monitoring a series of highly targeted, well-timed parliamentary study missions that can provide critical impetus to parliamentary and democratic development initiatives. Specifically, IRG is implementing the following: 1) Balkans: Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro - Constitutional Change and Legislative Reform Program ; 2) Uganda and Liberia - Disability Awareness and Advocacy Program ; 3) Ukraine - Political Party Caucus Strengthening Program; 4) Kazakhstan - Constituent Services Program; 5) Kyrgyzstan - Parliamentary Development Program; 6) Yemen - Budget Monitoring Program; 7) Sri Lanka - Strengthening Parliamentary Processes Program; 8) Egypt - Government Opposition Relations Program and; 9) Democratic Republic of Congo - Legislative Committee Strengthening and Peace Program.

Country(ies): Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Uganda, Liberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Democratic Republic of Congo

Region: Africa, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Ohio Northern University

Location: Ada, Ohio

Subject: Building up skills for lawyers from the Middle East, Central Asia and Eurasia to strengthen democratic institutions in their countries

This grant brings 12 young lawyers from the Middle East, Central Asia and Eurasia to the U.S. for a ten-month LL.M program, designed to provide them with the skills for building stable democratic institutions in their countries. In addition to completing two semesters of class work, the students attend four weekend seminars on women's rights, transition from one-party rule, international criminal law and post conflict resolution, led by visiting experts. The program also includes field study trips to local, state and federal judicial and government organizations.

Country(ies): Multiple

Region: Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia

U.S. State: OH

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Supporting Sister City partnerships in over 130 countries

Sister Cities International (SCI), which promotes mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S. and abroad through the activities of the 1,300 U.S. cities affiliated with more than 2,400 sister cities in 137 countries around the world, acts as a coordinator and catalyst in the development of various types of sister-city programs. This grant partially supports SCI functioning as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and disseminate information and work directly with community leaders and citizen volunteers, as well as elected officials.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: The American Council of Young Political Leaders

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Implementing two-week exchanges for young political leaders

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) supports the development of democratic practices and productive, ongoing contacts between politically active individuals in the United States and their overseas counterparts by coordinating a series of exchange programs for U.S. and foreign participants. These exchanges directly support the Department's U.S. strategic goal to open political systems and societies to democratic practices, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights. ACYPL is implementing a series of two-week study tours, involving up to 30 delegations of seven to twelve members each.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: University of Alaska

Location: Fairbanks, AK

Subject: Supporting the implementation of the Ninth International Permafrost Conference

The University of Alaska is implementing a variety of activities designed to address the preparation, planning and implementation of the Ninth International Permafrost Conference. Specific activities include (1) the conference, to be held June 29-July 3, 2008, on the University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus and which focuses on issues associated with understanding permafrost evolution and its feedback to climate change; (2) the operation of the Education and Outreach Coordination Office, which supports activities related to the International Polar Year (IPY), including the travel of U.S. specialists to IPY activities abroad; and (3) the creation of a "Think-tank of the North"--a set of public seminars given around Alaska by prominent scientists, policy makers, and authors who have focused on understanding and adapting to the ongoing challenges the Arctic faces.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: AK

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: World Affairs Council of Oregon

Location: Portland, Oregon

Subject: Creating international connections in three cities and towns outside of Portland, Oregon

This grant supports the World Affairs Council of Oregon's efforts to increase that state's international connections in education, business, government and the non-profit sector in the cities and towns outside of metropolitan Portland. Project activities include the development of three regional centers in Medford, Pendleton and Bend; visits by international visitors at each center; outreach to schools; strengthening of adult discussion groups; and website development.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: OR

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Congressional interest project

Name of Organization: International Virtual e-Hospital Foundation

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Subject: Telemedicine in Kosovo

The grant supports a two-year program to improve health care delivery through telemedicine and leadership training in Kosovo. The project will also include outreach to Albania, Macedonia, and Serbia and Montenegro. Activities include a series of exchanges that will bring participants to Arizona and Alaska to examine such topics as hospital management, medical training, clinical practices and telemedicine techniques. In addition, U.S. experts will travel to the region to conduct workshops on: e-health and virtual medical library training; trauma physician and nursing leadership training; and other virtual education programs. Funding will also provide partial support for the installation of computer equipment in four telemedicine centers in Kosovo.

Country(ies): Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, and Montenegro

Region: Europe & Eurasia

U.S. State: Alaska

Theme(s): Health

Congressional interest project